

10. What does Jesus take issue with in these verses?
11. What was the commonly accepted view in Christ's day concerning murder?
12. The teachers of Jesus' day promoted and supported their views by quoting from whom?
13. Who was Jesus's authority?
14. Jesus claims the authority of whom?
15. The point of verse 22 centers around the issue of what?
16. How are we just like the Jewish people of Jesus's day?
17. Do you find yourself bristling at the statement that you are just as evil as a murderer?
18. Is it worse to call someone a moron than to call someone a fool?
19. When the law of God forbids us to murder, it also prohibits the what?
20. If your heart and life are characterized by murderous anger and hatred, you are in danger of what?
21. Jesus is not saying that all anger is automatically what?
22. Most of our anger is not what kind of anger?
23. Is Jesus implying by His statements in verse 22, that no true Christian will ever get angry?
24. Who, from the books of Acts, is an example of a believer having unrighteous anger?
25. Jesus is talking about people who are what, when it comes to anger and hatred?
26. Instead of a spirit of anger and hatred, those who belong to the Lord ought to have a spirit of what?
27. Saying, "if you bring your gift to the altar..." is a way of describing what?
28. The reason for the offense (what your brother has against you) might be your fault or it might be that your brother has done what?
29. The reason for the offense doesn't matter. The issue is that you know that your brother has what?
30. If we come to worship and we know of someone who has something against us, we need to do what?
31. What if our brother or sister isn't willing to be reconciled?
32. The success of the reconciliation isn't always the indicator of the what?
33. What is something we have to be careful about at this point?
34. Don't come before the Lord in worship with a heart full of what?
35. The second example (v.25) involves an adversary with what potential?
36. Instead of anger, hatred, bitterness, and resentment, Jesus calls for reconciliation to be pursued in what ways?

37. What is Jesus's point in verse 26?

38. Do you see the peril of hatred?

39. If you are consumed with anger and hatred, what might that indicate?

40. Do you, as a believer, know of some other believer who has something against you? What do you need to do?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

1) Read Matthew 1:1-5:30

2) What problem in the world is also a very serious problem in the church in America?

3) What does Matthew 5:27-30 tell you about sexual immorality?

4) What does Jesus mean when He talks about plucking out your eye or chopping off your hand, since obviously, He doesn't mean to literally do this?

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The Murderous Character of Hatred

Matthew 5:21-26

(Series#26)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**The Murderous Character of Hatred.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is "no laughing matter?"

2. Jesus devoted a lengthy section of the Sermon on the Mount to correct what?

3. In His sermon, Jesus was not altering or modifying God's law, He was correcting what?

4. Jesus is going after the what?

5. God has always made it clear that He is not satisfied with what?

6. Hatred is equal to what?

7. T or F: We should take Jesus' teaching to mean that there is no difference between the attitude (hatred) and the act (murder).

8. Was Jesus contradicting the law of God in His teaching?

9. Who is Jesus referring to in v.21 when He speaks of "the ancients were told....?"

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